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SUBJECT: ALLIANCE EAST-WEST STUDY: COMMENTS ON DRAFT
OF PART II

REFS: (A) USNATO 488; (B) USNATO 314; (C) USNATO 340;
(D) STATE 5888

SUMMARY: INITIAL REACTIONS AT NATO TO THE FIRST DRAFT
PART II (REF A) HAVE BEEN FAVORABLE. LIKELY NEXT STEPS
ARE (A) SUBMISSION OF COMMENTS ON PART II FROM CAPITALS BY
MID-FEBRUARY, (B) HIGH LEVEL EXPERTS MEETING AROUND MARCH
1, AND (C) REDRAFTING OF PART II IN EARLY MARCH. IN ADDI-
TION TO SUBSTANCE, WASHINGTON WILL WISH TO CONSIDER
QUESTION OF MERGING PARTS II AND III. ACTION REQUESTED:
SEE PARA 7. END SUMMARY.

1. THE INITIAL, INFORMAL REACTIONS WE HAVE PICKED UP HERE
TO THE FIRST DRAFT OF PART II OF THE STUDY HAVE BEEN
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FAVORABLE. SPC CHAIRMAN, ECHOING VIEWS WE HAVE HEARD FROM
OTHER COLLEAGUES, TOLD US HE CONSIDERS THIS DRAFT A SOUND
BASIS FOR FURTHER SPC WORK. OTHERS NOTED THAT, WHILE
CONSERVATIVE AND STRAIGHT-LINE IN SOME OF ITS PREDICTIONS,
THE DRAFT REPRESENTS A SERIOUS, PROFESSIONAL EFFORT TO
LOOK AHEAD INTO THE 80'S AND TO COVER THE SUBJECT AS
REQUESTED BY THE SPC AND NAC.

2. WE SHARE THE VIEW THAT THIS DRAFT PROVIDES A GOOD BASIS FOR FURTHER ALLIANCE WORK. MOREOVER, IT WAS COMPLETED IN TIMELY FASHION, IN A MANNER SATISFACTORY TO OTHER ALLIES. IT WAS PRESENTED BY THE AUTHORS AS ONLY A DRAFT FOR CONSIDERATION BY ALLIED GOVERNMENTS -- AND THE TASK NOW, AS WE SEE IT, WILL BE TO ELICIT ALLIED REACTIONS IN A MANNER THAT WILL STIMULATE DEBATE AND ANALYSIS WITHIN THE ALLIANCE ON FUNDAMENTAL ELEMENTS OF THE FUTURE OF EAST-WEST RELATIONS.

3. WE DO NOT KNOW WHAT THE REACTIONS OF CAPITALS WILL BE. BUT WE HOPE THEY WILL RESPOND TO THIS PRELIMINARY DRAFT WITH PROVOCATIVE, AND EVEN CONTENTIOUS COUNTER-ANALYSIS. IT WILL BE DISAPPOINTING IF CAPITALS SIMPLY SIGN ON TO THE DRAFT AND IF DISCUSSION AND WORK ON IT IN COMING MONTHS DOES NOT DRIVE THE ALLIES TO THINK THROUGH THE IMPLICATIONS OF FUTURE TRENDS IN EAST-WEST RELATIONS.

4. NOW THAT THIS PRELIMINARY DRAFT IS ON THE TABLE, ALLIES WILL BE PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN WASHINGTON'S REACTION. IN ADDITION TO COMMENTS ON SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES, ALLIES WILL WISH TO HAVE US VIEWS ON THE ORGANIZATIONAL QUESTIONS POSED BY THE DRAFT OF PART II. THE CHAIRMAN AND OTHERS HAVE NOTED THAT THERE IS AT THIS STAGE CONSIDERABLE OVERLAP BETWEEN PARTS I AND II, AND THUS A NEED TO WORK OUT A
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SUITABLE CONCORDANCE BETWEEN THESE TWO SECTIONS.

5. MORE IMPORTANT IS THE QUESTION OF HOW TO HANDLE PART III. SVART AND HIS COLLEAGUES HAVE ATTEMPTED TO INCLUDE IN THE CONCLUDING SECTIONS OF THEIR DRAFT OF PART II IMPLICATIONS FOR THE WEST IN ECONOMIC AND OTHER AREAS. WE DO NOT YET KNOW WHETHER THE FRENCH WILL ACCEPT THIS APPROACH. WE ANTICIPATE THAT A COMPREHENSIVE PART II, INCLUDING IMPLICATIONS, WOULD BE SATISFACTORY TO OTHER DELEGATIONS IF THE FRENCH AND US ACCEPT THIS SOLUTION. IN OUR VIEW, THE IMPORTANT POINT IS THAT THE SUBSTANCE BE COVERED IN A SATISFACTORY MANNER, AND IF IT PROVES EASIER FOR THE FRENCH TO ACCEPT MORE IN THE WAY OF IMPLICATIONS IN PART II THAN THEY WOULD IN A SEPARATE PART III, WE SHOULD GO ALONG WITH THIS APPROACH.

6. AS TO NEXT STEPS, THE SPC CHAIRMAN HAS TOLD US THAT AT THE JANUARY 24 SPC MEETING HE WILL SUGGEST THAT ALLIED CAPITALS PROVIDE COMMENTS ON PART II IN WRITING PRIOR TO THE HIGH LEVEL EXPERTS MEETING WHICH HAS BEEN PROPOSED FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 27-MARCH 3. FOLLOWING THE HIGH LEVEL EXPERTS MEETING, WE ANTICIPATE THAT ALLIES WILL WISH THE

INTERNATIONAL STAFF TO REDRAFT PART II TO ACCOMMODATE
SUGGESTIONS FROM CAPITALS AND EXPERTS. IT WILL BE
NECESSARY TO CONSIDER CAREFULLY HOW THIS REDRAFTING PROCESS
SHOULD BE CARRIED OUT AND WHETHER EXPERTS SHOULD
PARTICIPATE. THIS STAGE OF REDRAFTING WILL BE A KEY
ASPECT OF PREPARATION OF THE STUDY, PARTICULARLY IF PART II
INCLUDES THE IMPLICATIONS.

7. ACTION REQUESTED: WE BELIEVE WASHINGTON SHOULD BEGIN
PROMPTLY TO PREPARE SUGGESTIONS REGARDING REVISION OF

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PART II OF THE STUDY, INCLUDING SPECIFIC LANGUAGE THAT
WASHINGTON WOULD LIKE TO SEE INCLUDED. GLITMAN

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